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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Co-operation (B) Department

ORDER

G.O. (P) No.75/2026/Co-op *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 26th March, 2026*
12th Meenam, 1201

S. R. O. No. 447/2026

WHEREAS, under sub-section (1) of section 28 or sub-section (3) of section 88 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), as the case may be, the general body of a society or the circle co-operative union shall constitute a committee for a period of five years in accordance with the bye-laws and entrust the management of the affairs of the Co-operative society and the Circle Co-operative Union to such committee;

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AND WHEREAS, rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of election to the committee of societies by the State Co-operative Election Commission and rule 129 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rule, 1969, prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of election to the Committee of Circle Co-operative Unions by the State Co-operative Election Commission and by virtue of the said rules, it is the duty of the officers of the Co-operation Department to make arrangements for a free and fair election to the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions in the State;

AND WHEREAS, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has reported that in view of the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, it may not be possible for the officers of the Co-operation Department of the State, to function as Electoral Officers, Returning Officers and other polling officials to conduct election to the committee of Co-operative Societies and State Co-operative Unions, as provided in rule 35A and 129 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, as they have to attend the duties in connection with the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly and has requested to extend the term of the committee of the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions where election are due for a period upto ninety days;

AND WHEREAS, in view of the general elections to the local bodies in the State of Kerala held in December, 2025 and based on the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Government as per G.O. (P) No.158/2025/Co-op dated 13th November, 2025 and published as S.R.O. No. 1306/2025 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 4017 dated 13th November, 2025, directed that the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the said Act, shall apply to all Co-operative Societies except, Kerala State Co-operative Bank, sub-section (3) of section 88 shall apply to all Circle Co-operative Unions and sub-section (3) of section 89 shall apply to State Co-operative Union where election were due from 10th November, 2025 to 07th February, 2026 or where the process of elections had already been started but not been completed with the modification of substituting the words "five years

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and 90 days" for words "five years";

AND WHEREAS, the Government are of the opinion that in the context of the general election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, notified by the Election Commission of India, the members of the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions are not in a position to participate in the election and the department officers are also not in a position to function as Electoral Officers, Returning Officers and other polling officials to conduct elections to the committee of Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions, as the case may be, as provided in rule 35A and 129 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969;

AND WHEREAS, the Government is convinced that in the said circumstances there would be practical difficulty to conduct elections in the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions, as the case may be, as provided under rule 35A and 129 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that for the administrative convenience and in public interest, it is necessary to extend the term of the committees of the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions, where elections are due for the period from 23rd March, 2026 to 20th June, 2026 or where the election process has already been started, but not been completed;

AND WHEREAS, wherever there is specific direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala to conduct election, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 101 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government of Kerala hereby direct that the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the said Act, shall apply to all Co-operative Societies and sub-section (3) of section 88 of the Act shall apply to all Circle Co-operative Unions, as the case may be, where elections are due for a period from 23rd

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March, 2026 to 20th June, 2026 or where the election process has already been started, but not been completed, with the modification of substituting the words "five years and ninety days" for the words "five years"; and the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the said Act, shall apply to the Co-operative Societies and sub-section (3) of section 88 of the Act shall apply to the Circle Co-operative Unions, as the case may be, where consequent to the order issued under G.O. (P) No.158/2025/Co-op dated 13th November, 2025 and published as S.R.O. No. 1306/2025 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 4017 dated 13th November, 2025 mentioned above, elections are due for a period from 23rd March, 2026 to 20th June, 2026 or where the election process has already been started, but not been completed, with the modification of substituting the words "five years and one hundred and eighty days", for the words "five years" which shall be inclusive of the period of ninety days as per the above said order dated 13th November, 2025 and accordingly modify by substituting the words "five years and one hundred and eighty days" for the words "five years and ninety days".

By order of the Governor,
DR.VEENA N. MADHAVAN
Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

It is the duty of the officers of the Co-operation Department under section 28 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969, read with rule 35A, and rule 129 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 to arrange for the conduct of free and fair election to the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions. Since the officers of the Co-operation Department will be engaged for the conduct of the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly scheduled on 09th April, 2026 their services may not be readily

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available for the conduct of elections to the Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions. The Government, therefore, have considered the matter in detail and are of the view that it is necessary in public interest, to extend the term of the committee of all Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions in the State, for a period of ninety days, where elections are due for the period from 23rd March, 2026 to 20th June, 2026 or where the election process has already started, but not been completed on conditions that wherever there is a specific direction of the Hon'ble High Court to conduct election, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court. This is for avoiding administrative vacuum in the said Co-operative Societies and Circle Co-operative Unions.

This order is intended to achieve the above object.

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